Joan, daughter of Greek immigrants, was raised on the near-north side of Chicago. Both of her parents died while she was young. After graduation from Waller High School, she got a job with the Air Force in Chicago. She met Gordy while working in the same building where he was stationed with the Army. They were married soon after and she returned with him to Minnesota to live.

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3. **Dennis Allan[2] CHALLEEN** [e] (Frank[1]) was born 29 Jan 1936 at Rush Point, Chisago, MN. He married (1) **Karen LEE** 27 Dec 1957 at Mondovi, Buffalo, WI; they divorced. She was born at Mondovi, Buffalo, WI.

They had 2 children:

7. M i. Daniel CHALLEEN
8. M ii. William CHALLEEN

Dennis A. Challeen 1960

Dennis has lived most of his life in Winona, MN where he was a Judge of District Court for many years, retiring 1 Jan 1999. He graduated from Braham High School and then attended Stout Institute where he played on the basketball team. He obtained his law degree from William Mitchell College while working in the Twin Cities. He then joined a law firm in Winona. After a few years of law practice, he was appointed to be a judge and has been reelected ever since. Judge Challeen became well known in legal circles for his innovative methods of sentencing whereby the convict is required to negotiate his own sentence (a form of restitution...sometimes three or four times the lost amount) and be responsible for carrying out the sentence. He has authored books on the subject as well as conducting classes and seminars.

Dennis next married (2) **Pat STAIGE** 1989.

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4. **Michael Alan[3] CHALLEEN** (Gordon[2], Frank[1]) was born at St. Paul, Ramsey, MN. He married **Kathryn JONES** St. Paul, Ramsey, MN. She was born at St. Paul, Ramsey, MN, the daughter of Herbert JONES and Sally BRUITT.

They had 3 children:

9. F i. Raina Elizabeth CHALLEEN
10. F ii. Claire Kathryn CHALLEEN
11. M iii. Anthony Bryan CHALLEEN

Mike is a graduate of Simley High School and Gustavus Adolphus College. He now resides in Inver Grove Heights, MN where he runs his own electronic publishing and design business. He is also a professional musician.
Kate is also a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and works as a computer consultant.

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